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REPLY TO ACTION OF MARCH 28, 2005

In reply to the Office Action of March 28, 2005, Applicant submits the following remarks.

REMARKS

Claims 1-24 are pending, with claims 1, 11, 16, and 22 being independent.

Claims 1-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Britton et al. (U.S. 6,442,577). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

Claim 1 recites a method for data transfer between a host system, a database, and a terminal server that includes, among other features, receiving at a host system, a terminal server identifier from a terminal server having a geographic location. A database is queried to obtain service data associated with the geographic location of the terminal server based on the terminal server identifier. Geographic location-specific service data is thereafter automatically sent from the host system to the terminal server.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection because Britton fails to describe or suggest a terminal server having a geographic location and a database that is queried to obtain service data associated with the geographic location of the terminal server based on the terminal server identifier.

Instead, Britton describes an Internet Content Provider (ICP) that maintains a database of static Internet Protocol (IP) addresses that are assigned to a particular organization. See Britton, col. 6, lines 15-26; Fig. 3. Upon receiving a request for data from a particular IP address, the ICP captures the IP address and compares it against IP addresses stored in a participant database.